

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) An assembly, comprising:

- (a) a first flexible-member-routing bracket that is serviceably fixedly mounted to a divider component of said assembly adjacent a flexible-member-routing aperture defined by said divider component;
- (b) a flexible member that comprises a penetrating portion that extends through said flexible-member-routing aperture;
- (c) wherein said flexible member further comprises a distal portion that extends away from said flexible-member-routing aperture at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to an aperture axis of said flexible-member-routing aperture;
- (d) wherein said flexible member further comprises a transition portion that extends between said penetrating portion and said distal portion thereof;
- (e) wherein said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises trailing guide-structure that defines a trailing guide-surface that is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis and that is disposed at a distance from said flexible-member-routing aperture in directions parallel to said aperture axis and also in directions perpendicular to said aperture axis; and
- (f) wherein a trailing portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent to said trailing guide-surface.

28. (Original) The assembly of Claim 27, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises mounting structure that is directly or indirectly fixedly engaged to said trailing guide-structure and that is serviceably fixedly engaged to said divider component; and
- (b) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises a sheet body that comprises said trailing guide-structure and said mounting structure.

29. (Original) The assembly of Claim 28, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises leading guide-structure that is directly or indirectly fixedly engaged to said trailing guide-structure and said mounting structure;
- (b) said leading guide-structure defines a leading guide-surface; and
- (c) a portion of said leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent to said flexible-member-routing aperture and also a leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extend adjacent one another at angles of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis and also at angles of greater than 30 degrees relative to said trailing guide-surface.

30. (Original) The assembly of Claim 29, wherein:

- (a) said leading guide-structure extends through said flexible-member-routing aperture where it meets and is engaged to opposite-side leading guide-structure that is disposed upon a side of said divider component opposite said trailing guide-structure;
- (b) said opposite-side leading guide-structure defines an opposite-side leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent said flexible-member-routing aperture and that extends at an angle of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis.

31. (Original) The assembly of Claim 30, wherein:

- (a) said sheet body also comprises said leading guide-structure.

32. (Original) The assembly of Claim 31, wherein:

- (a) said leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said leading guide-structure and said trailing portion of said transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said trailing guide-structure.

33. (Original) The assembly of Claim 32, wherein:

- (a) said leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said leading guide-structure and said trailing portion of said transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said trailing guide-structure.

34. (Original) The assembly of Claim 33, wherein:

- (a) said divider component or another component of said assembly defines a flexible-member-routing surface that extends at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis; and
- (b) at least a portion of said distal portion of said flexible member is disposed adjacent to and extends parallel to said flexible-member-routing surface.

35. (Original) The assembly of Claim 34, wherein:

- (a) said sheet body of said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises intermediate guide-structure that extends between said leading guide-structure and said trailing guide structure;
- (b) said intermediate guide-structure defines an intermediate guide-surface that extends in a sweeping manner between said leading guide-surface and said trailing guide-surface; and
- (c) an intermediate portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said intermediate guide-structure.

36. (Original) The assembly of Claim 35, wherein:

- (a) said leading guide-structure and/or said trailing guide-structure defines one or more strap-locating features including one or more strap-locating apertures and/or one or more strap-locating channels; and
- (b) a portion of one or more straps, which straps a portion of said flexible member to said first flexible-member-routing bracket, passes through one or more of said strap-locating features.

37. (Original) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein:

- (a) said assembly is a vehicle;
- (b) said vehicle comprises one or more frame structures to which a majority of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and which derive support directly or indirectly from said one or more frame structures;
- (c) said vehicle comprises a suspension system that is engaged to said one or more frame structures above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground; and
- (d) said vehicle comprises one or more body structures that are mounted to said one or more frame structures and upon or within which cargo and/or occupants may reside.

38. (Original) The assembly of Claim 37, wherein:

- (a) said divider component is a frame rail of one of said one or more frame structures of said assembly.

39. (Original) The assembly of Claim 27, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises leading guide-structure that defines a leading guide-surface; and
- (b) a portion of said leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent to said flexible-member-routing aperture and also a leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extend adjacent one another at angles of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis and at angles of greater than 30 degrees relative to said trailing guide-surface.

40. (Original) The assembly of Claim 39, wherein:

- (a) said leading portion of said transition portion is strapped to said leading guide-structure and/or said trailing portion of said transition portion is strapped to said trailing guide-structure.

41. (Original) The assembly of Claim 40, wherein:

- (a) said leading portion of said transition portion is strapped to said leading guide-structure and said trailing portion of said transition portion is strapped to said trailing guide-structure.

42. (Original) The assembly of Claim 41, wherein:

- (a) said divider component or another component of said assembly defines a flexible-member-routing surface that extends at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis; and
- (b) at least a portion of said distal portion of said flexible member is disposed adjacent to and extends parallel to said flexible-member-routing surface.

43. (Original) The assembly of Claim 42, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises intermediate guide structure that is fixedly engaged to and extends between said trailing guide-structure and said leading guide-structure;
- (b) said intermediate guide-structure defines an intermediate guide-surface that extends in a sweeping manner between said leading guide-surface and said trailing guide-surface; and
- (c) an intermediate portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said intermediate guide-structure.

44. (Original) The assembly of Claim 43, wherein:

- (a) said assembly is a vehicle;
- (b) said vehicle comprises one or more frame structures to which a majority of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and which derive support directly or indirectly from said one or more frame structures;

- (c) said vehicle comprises a suspension system that is engaged to said one or more frame structures above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground; and
- (d) said vehicle comprises one or more body structures that are mounted to said one or more frame structures and upon or within which cargo and/or occupants may reside.

45. (Original) The assembly of Claim 39, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises intermediate guide structure that is fixedly engaged to and extends between said trailing guide-structure and said leading guide-structure;
- (b) said intermediate guide-structure defines an intermediate guide-surface that extends in a sweeping manner between said leading guide-surface and said trailing guide-surface; and
- (c) an intermediate portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said intermediate guide-structure.

46. (Original) The assembly of Claim 29, wherein:

- (a) said sheet body also comprises said leading guide-structure.

47. (Original) The assembly of Claim 46, further comprising:

- (a) said sheet body of said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises intermediate guide-structure that extends between said leading guide-structure and said trailing guide structure; and
- (b) said intermediate guide-structure defines an intermediate guide-surface that extends in a sweeping manner between said leading guide-surface and said trailing guide-surface; and
- (c) an intermediate portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said intermediate guide-structure.

48. (Original) The assembly of Claim 27, wherein:

- (a) said divider component or another component of said assembly defines a flexible-member-routing surface that extends at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis; and
- (b) at least a portion of said distal portion of said flexible member is disposed adjacent to and extends parallel to said flexible-member-routing surface.

49. (Original) The assembly of Claim 29, wherein:

- (a) said divider component or another component of said assembly defines a flexible-member-routing surface that extends at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis; and
- (b) at least a portion of said distal portion of said flexible member is disposed adjacent to and extends parallel to said flexible-member-routing surface.

50. (Original) The assembly of Claim 39, wherein:

- (a) said divider component or another component of said assembly defines a flexible-member-routing surface that extends at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis; and
- (b) at least a portion of said distal portion of said flexible member is disposed adjacent to and extends parallel to said flexible-member-routing surface.

51. (Original) The assembly of Claim 27, wherein:

- (a) said assembly is a vehicle;
- (b) said vehicle comprises one or more frame structures to which a majority of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and which derive support directly or indirectly from said one or more frame structures;

- (c) said vehicle comprises a suspension system that is engaged to said one or more frame structures above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground; and
- (d) said vehicle comprises one or more body structures that are mounted to said one or more frame structures and upon or within which cargo and/or occupants may reside.

52. (Original) The assembly of Claim 29, wherein:

- (a) said assembly is a vehicle;
- (b) said vehicle comprises one or more frame structures to which a majority of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and which derive support directly or indirectly from said one or more frame structures;
- (c) said vehicle comprises a suspension system that is engaged to said one or more frame structures above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground; and
- (d) said vehicle comprises one or more body structures that are mounted to said one or more frame structures and upon or within which cargo and/or occupants may reside.

53. (Original) The assembly of Claim 39, wherein:

- (a) said assembly is a vehicle;
- (b) said vehicle comprises one or more frame structures to which a majority of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and which derive support directly or indirectly from said one or more frame structures;
- (c) said vehicle comprises a suspension system that is engaged to said one or more frame structures above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground; and
- (d) said vehicle comprises one or more body structures that are mounted to said one or more frame structures and upon or within which cargo and/or occupants may reside.



54. (Original) The assembly of Claim 30, wherein:

- (a) said leading guide-structure defines a strap-locating feature on a same side of said mounting plane as said trailing guide structure; and
- (b) said opposite-side leading guide-structure defines a strap-locating feature on a side of said mounting plane opposite said trailing guide-structure.

55. (Original) An assembly, comprising:

- (a) a first flexible-member-routing bracket that is serviceably fixedly mounted to a divider component of said assembly adjacent a flexible-member-routing aperture defined by said divider component;
- (b) a flexible member that comprises a penetrating portion that extends through said flexible-member-routing aperture;
- (c) wherein said flexible member further comprises a distal portion that extends away from said flexible-member-routing aperture at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to an aperture axis of said flexible-member-routing aperture;
- (d) wherein said flexible member further comprises a transition portion that extends between said penetrating portion and said distal portion thereof;
- (e) wherein said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises leading guide-structure that defines a leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent said flexible-member-routing aperture and that is disposed at an angle of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis;
- (f) wherein a leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said leading guide-surface and is strapped to said leading guide-structure;
- (c) wherein said leading guide-structure extends through said flexible-member-routing aperture where it meets and is engaged to opposite-side leading guide-structure that is disposed upon a side of said divider component opposite said trailing guide-structure;
- (g) wherein said opposite-side leading guide-structure defines an opposite-side leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent said flexible-member-routing aperture and that extends at an angle of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis;

- (h) wherein said flexible member further comprises an opposite-side distal portion that is disposed upon a side of said penetrating portion opposite said distal portion of said flexible member;
- (i) wherein said opposite-side distal portion of said flexible member extends away from said flexible-member-routing aperture at an angle of at least 30 degrees;
- (j) wherein said flexible member comprises an opposite-side transition portion that extends between said penetrating portion and said opposite-side distal portion; and
- (k) wherein an opposite-side leading portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said opposite-side leading guide-surface and is strapped to said opposite-side leading guide-structure.

56. (Original) The assembly of Claim 55, wherein:

- (a) said leading guide-structure defines one or more strap-locating features through which extend one or more straps that strap said leading portion of said transition of said flexible member to said leading guide-structure; and
- (b) said opposite-side leading guide-structure defines one or more strap-locating features through which extend one or more straps that strap said opposite-side leading portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member.

57. (Original) The assembly of Claim 56, wherein:

- (a) said assembly is a vehicle;
- (b) said vehicle comprises one or more frame structures to which a majority of other components of said vehicle are directly or indirectly engaged and which derive support directly or indirectly from said one or more frame structures;
- (c) said vehicle comprises a suspension system that is engaged to said one or more frame structures above the ground and provides said vehicle with a relatively low resistance to movement along the ground; and
- (d) said vehicle comprises one or more body structures that are mounted to said one or more frame structures and upon or within which cargo and/or occupants may reside.

58. (Original) The assembly of Claim 57, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises trailing guide-structure that defines a trailing guide-surface that is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis and that is disposed at a distance from said flexible-member-routing aperture in directions parallel to said aperture axis and directions perpendicular to said aperture axis;
- (b) said trailing guide-surface is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said leading guide-surface; and
- (c) wherein a trailing portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent to said trailing guide-surface.

59. (Original) The assembly of Claim 27, further comprising:

- (a) a second flexible-member-routing bracket that is serviceably fixedly mounted to said divider component of said assembly adjacent said flexible-member-routing aperture defined by said divider component;
- (b) wherein said flexible member further comprises an opposite-side distal portion that is disposed upon a side of said divider component opposite said first flexible-member-routing bracket;
- (c) wherein said opposite-side distal portion of said flexible member extends away from said flexible-member-routing aperture at an angle of greater than 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis;
- (d) wherein said flexible member further comprises an opposite-side transition portion that extends between said penetrating portion and said opposite-side distal portion thereof;
- (e) wherein said second flexible-member-routing bracket comprises trailing guide-structure that defines a trailing guide-surface that is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis and that is disposed at a distance from said flexible-member-routing aperture in directions parallel to said aperture axis and also in directions perpendicular to said aperture axis;
- (f) wherein an opposite-side trailing portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent to said opposite-side trailing guide-surface.

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60. (Original) The assembly of Claim 59, wherein:

- (a) said trailing portion of said transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said trailing guide-structure of said first flexible-member-routing bracket and/or said opposite-side trailing portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said opposite-side trailing guide-structure of said second flexible-member-routing bracket.

61. (Original) The assembly of Claim 60, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises leading guide-structure that is directly or indirectly fixedly engaged to said trailing guide-structure and is disposed upon a same side of said divider component as said trailing guide-structure;
- (b) said leading guide-structure defines a leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent to said flexible-member-routing aperture at a position closer thereto than said trailing guide surface in both directions perpendicular to said aperture axis and directions parallel to said aperture axis;
- (c) said leading guide-surface is disposed at an angle of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis;
- (d) said leading guide-surface is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said trailing guide-surface; and
- (e) a leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said leading guide-surface.

62. (Original) The assembly of Claim 61, wherein:

- (a) said second flexible-member-routing bracket comprises opposite-side leading guide-structure that is directly or indirectly fixedly engaged to said opposite-side trailing guide-structure and is disposed upon a same side of said divider component as said opposite-side trailing guide-structure;
- (b) said opposite-side leading guide-structure defines an opposite-side leading guide-surface that is disposed adjacent to said flexible-member-routing aperture at a position closer thereto than

said opposite-side trailing guide surface in both directions perpendicular to said aperture axis and directions parallel to said aperture axis;

- (c) said opposite-side leading guide-surface is disposed at an angle of less than 60 degrees relative to said aperture axis;
- (d) said opposite-side leading guide-surface is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said opposite-side trailing guide-surface; and
- (e) an opposite-side leading portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said opposite-side leading guide-surface.

63. (Original) The assembly of Claim 62, wherein:

- (a) said leading portion of said transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said leading guide-structure.

64. (Original) The assembly of Claim 63, wherein:

- (a) said opposite-side leading portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said opposite-side leading guide-structure.

65. (Original) The assembly of Claim 30, wherein:

- (a) said first flexible member comprises an opposite-side distal portion that is disposed upon a side of said penetrating portion of said flexible member opposite said distal portion of said flexible member;
- (b) said opposite-side distal portion of said flexible member extends away from said flexible-member-routing aperture at an angle greater than 30 degrees with respect to said aperture axis;
- (c) said flexible member comprises an opposite-side transition portion that extends between said penetrating portion and said opposite-side distal portion;
- (d) an opposite-side leading portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent said opposite-side leading guide-surface;

- (e) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises opposite-side trailing guide-structure that is disposed upon a side of said divider component opposite said mounting structure;
- (f) said first flexible-member-routing bracket comprises intermediate guide structure that is engaged to and extends between said opposite-side leading guide-structure and said opposite-side trailing guide-structure;
- (g) said opposite-side trailing guide-structure defines an opposite-side trailing guide-surface that is disposed farther from said flexible-member-routing aperture than said opposite-side leading guide-surface in both directions parallel to said aperture axis and directions perpendicular to said aperture axis;
- (h) said opposite-side trailing guide-surface is disposed at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said aperture axis and also at an angle of at least 30 degrees relative to said opposite-side leading guide-structure; and
- (i) an opposite-side trailing portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member extends adjacent to said opposite-side trailing guide-surface.

66. (Original) The assembly of Claim 65, wherein:

- (a) said opposite-side leading portion of said opposite-side transition portion of said flexible member is strapped to said opposite-side leading guide-structure and/or said opposite-side trailing portion of said opposite-side transition portion is strapped to said opposite-side trailing guide-structure.

67. (Original) The assembly of Claim 29, wherein:

- (a) said trailing guide-surface faces away from said flexible-member-routing aperture.